## What is claimed:

- 1. A purified embryonic or fetal caprine somatic cell.
- 2. The cell of claim 1, wherein the cell comprises a transgene.
- 3. The cell of claim 2, wherein the transgene is integrated into the genome of the somatic cell.
- 4. The cell of claim 2, wherein the transgene is a heterologous transgene.
- 5. The cell of claim 4, wherein the heterologous transgene includes a human sequence.
- 6. The cell of claim 2, wherein the transgene is a knockout, knockin or other event which disrupts the expression of a caprine gene.
- 7. The cell of claim 2, wherein the transgene is under the control of a promoter.
- 8. The cell of claim 7, wherein the promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.
- 9. The cell of claim 8, wherein the tissue-specific promoter is a milk-specific promoter.
- 10. The cell of claim 9, wherein the milk-specific promoter is selected from the group consisting of a  $\beta$ -casein promoter,  $\beta$ -lactoglobin promoter, whey acid protein promoter and lactalbumin promoter.
- 11. The cell of claim 7, wherein the promoter is a caprine promoter.

- 12. The cell of claim 2, wherein the transgene encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a hormone, an immunoglobulin, a plasma protein, and an enzyme.
- 13. The cell of claim 2, wherein the transgene encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of an  $\alpha$ -1 proteinase inhibitor, an alkaline phosphotase, an angiogenin, an extracellular superoxide dismutase, a fibrogen, a glucocerebrosidase, a glutamate decarboxylase, a human serum albumin, a myelin basic protein, a proinsulin, a soluble CD4, a lactoferrin, a lactoglobulin, a lysozyme, a lactoalbumin, an erythrpoietin, a tissue plasminogen activator, a human growth factor, an antithrombin III, an insulin, a prolactin, and an  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin.
- 14. The cell of claim 1, wherein the cell comprises a heterologous nucleic acid.
- 15. The cell of claim 14, wherein the nucleic acid is integrated into the genome of the somatic cell.
- 16. The cell of claim 14, wherein the nucleic acid is a heterologous nucleic acid.
- 17. The cell of claim 16, wherein the heterologous nucleic acid includes a human sequence.
- 18. The cell of claim 14, wherein the nucleic acid is a knockout, knockin or other event which disrupts the expression of a caprine gene.
- 19. The cell of claim 14, wherein the nucleic acid is under the control of a promoter.

- 20. The cell of claim 19, wherein the promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.
- 21. The cell of claim 20, wherein the tissue-specific promoter is a milk-specific promoter.
- 22. The cell of claim 21, wherein the milk-specific promoter is selected from the group consisting of a  $\beta$ -casein promoter,  $\beta$ -lactoglobin promoter, whey acid protein promoter and lactalbumin promoter.
- 23. The cell of claim 19, wherein the promoter is a caprine promoter.
- 24. The cell of claim 14, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a hormone, an immunoglobulin, a plasma protein, and an enzyme.
- 25. The cell of claim 14, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of an  $\alpha$ -1 proteinase inhibitor, an alkaline phosphotase, an angiogenin, an extracellular superoxide dismutase, a fibrogen, a glucocerebrosidase, a glutamate decarboxylase, a human serum albumin, a myelin basic protein, a proinsulin, a soluble CD4, a lactoferrin, a lactoglobulin, a lysozyme, a lactoalbumin, an erythrpoietin, a tissue plasminogen activator, a human growth factor, an antithrombin III, an insulin, a prolactin, and an  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin.
- 26. The cell of claim 1, where in the somatic cell is a fibroblast.
- 27. The cell of claim 26, wherein the fibroblast is a primary fibroblast.
- 28. The cell of claim 26, wherein the fibroblast is a primary derived fibroblast.

- 29. The cell of claim 1, wherein the cell is obtained from an embryonic goat derived from a germ cell obtained from a transgenic goat.
- 30. The cell of claim 29, wherein the germ cell is sperm from a transgenic goat.
- 31. A purified preparation of an embryonic or fetal caprine somatic cell.
- 32. The cell of claim 31, wherein the cell comprises a transgene.
- 33. The cell of claim 32, wherein the transgene is integrated into the genome of the somatic cell.
- 34. The cell of claim 32, wherein the transgene is a heterologous transgene.
- 35. The cell of claim 34, wherein the heterologous transgene includes a human sequence.
- 36. The cell of claim 32, wherein the transgene is a knockout, knockin or other event which disrupts the expression of a caprine gene.
- 37. The cell of claim 32, wherein the transgene is under the control of a promoter.
- 38. The cell of claim 37, wherein the promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.
- 39. The cell of claim 38, wherein the tissue-specific promoter is a milk-specific promoter.

- 40. The cell of claim 39, wherein the milk-specific promoter is selected from the group consisting of a  $\beta$ -casein promoter,  $\beta$ -lactoglobin promoter, whey acid protein promoter and lactalbumin promoter.
- 41. The cell of claim 37, wherein the promoter is a caprine promoter.
- 42. The cell of claim 32, wherein the transgene encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a hormone, an immunoglobulin, a plasma protein, and an enzyme.
- 43. The cell of claim 32, wherein the transgene encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of an  $\alpha$ -1 proteinase inhibitor, an alkaline phosphotase, an angiogenin, an extracellular superoxide dismutase, a fibrogen, a glucocerebrosidase, a glutamate decarboxylase, a human serum albumin, a myelin basic protein, a proinsulin, a soluble CD4, a lactoferrin, a lactoglobulin, a lysozyme, a lactoalbumin, an erythrpoietin, a tissue plasminogen activator, a human growth factor, an antithrombin III, an insulin, a prolactin, and an  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin.
- 44. The cell of claim 31, wherein the cell comprises a heterologous nucleic acid.
- 45. The cell of claim 44, wherein the nucleic acid is integrated into the genome of the somatic cell.
- 46. The cell of claim 44, wherein the nucleic acid is a heterologous nucleic acid.
- 47. The cell of claim 46, wherein the heterologous nucleic acid includes a human sequence.

- 48. The cell of claim 44, wherein the nucleic acid is a knockout, knockin or other event which disrupts the expression of a caprine gene.
- 49. The cell of claim 44, wherein the nucleic acid is under the control of a promoter.
- 50. The cell of claim 49, wherein the promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.
- 51. The cell of claim 50, wherein the tissue-specific promoter is a milk-specific promoter.
- 52. The cell of claim 51, wherein the milk-specific promoter is selected from the group consisting of a  $\beta$ -casein promoter,  $\beta$ -lactoglobin promoter, whey acid protein promoter and lactalbumin promoter.
- 53. The cell of claim 49, wherein the promoter is a caprine promoter.
- 54. The cell of claim 44, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a hormone, an immunoglobulin, a plasma protein, and an enzyme.
- 55. The cell of claim 44, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of an  $\alpha$ -1 proteinase inhibitor, an alkaline phosphotase, an angiogenin, an extracellular superoxide dismutase, a fibrogen, a glucocerebrosidase, a glutamate decarboxylase, a human serum albumin, a myelin basic protein, a proinsulin, a soluble CD4, a lactoferrin, a lactoglobulin, a lysozyme, a lactoalbumin, an erythrpoietin, a tissue plasminogen activator, a human growth factor, an antithrombin III, an insulin, a prolactin, and an  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin.
- 56. The cell of claim 31, where in the somatic cell is a fibroblast.

- 57. The cell of claim 56, wherein the fibroblast is a primary fibroblast.
- 58. The cell of claim 56, wherein the fibroblast is a primary derived fibroblast.
- 59. The cell of claim 31, wherein the cell is obtained from an embryonic goat derived from a germ cell obtained from a transgenic goat.
- 60. The cell of claim 59, wherein the germ cell is sperm from a transgenic goat.
- 61. A method of preparing an embryonic or fetal caprine somatic cell line, comprising:
  - a) obtaining a somatic cell from an embryonic or fetal goat; and,
- b) culturing the cell in a suitable medium, such that a somatic cell line is obtained.
- 62. The method of claim 61, wherein the cell line is a genetically engineered cell line.
- 63. The method of claim 62, wherein the cell comprises a transgene integrated into its genome.
- 64. The method of claim 63, wherein the transgene is a heterologous transgene.
- 65. The method of claim 64, wherein the heterologous transgene includes a human sequence.
- 66. The method of claim 63, wherein the transgene is a knockout, knockin or other event which disrupts the expression of a caprine gene.

- 67. The method of claim 63, wherein the transgene is under the control of a promoter.
- 68. The method of claim 67, wherein the promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.
- 69. The method of claim 68, wherein the tissue-specific promoter is a milk-specific promoter.
- 70. The method of claim 69, wherein the milk-specific promoter is selected from the group consisting of a  $\beta$ -casein promoter,  $\beta$ -lactoglobin promoter, whey acid protein promoter and lactalbumin promoter.
- 71. The method of claim 67, wherein the promoter is a caprine promoter.
- 72. The method of claim 63, wherein the transgene encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a hormone, an immunoglobulin, a plasma protein, and an enzyme.
- 73. The method of claim 63, wherein the transgene encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of an  $\alpha$ -1 proteinase inhibitor, an alkaline phosphotase, an angiogenin, an extracellular superoxide dismutase, a fibrogen, a glucocerebrosidase, a glutamate decarboxylase, a human serum albumin, a myelin basic protein, a proinsulin, a soluble CD4, a lactoferrin, a lactoglobulin, a lysozyme, a lactoalbumin, an erythrpoietin, a tissue plasminogen activator, a human growth factor, an antithrombin III, an insulin, a prolactin, and an  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin.
- 74. The method of claim 62, wherein the cell comprises a heterologous nucleic acid.

- 75. The method of claim 74, wherein the nucleic acid is integrated into the genome of the somatic cell.
- 76. The method of claim 74, wherein the nucleic acid is a heterologous nucleic acid.
- 77. The method of claim 76, wherein the heterologous nucleic acid includes a human sequence.
- 78. The method of claim 74, wherein the nucleic acid is a knockout, knockin or other event which disrupts the expression of a caprine gene.
- 79. The method of claim 74, wherein the nucleic acid is under the control of a promoter.
- 80. The method of claim 79, wherein the promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.
- 81. The method of claim 80, wherein the tissue-specific promoter is a milk-specific promoter.
- 82. The method of claim 81, wherein the milk-specific promoter is selected from the group consisting of a  $\beta$ -casein promoter,  $\beta$ -lactoglobin promoter, whey acid protein promoter and lactalbumin promoter.
- 83. The method of claim 79, wherein the promoter is a caprine promoter.
- 84. The method of claim 74, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a hormone, an immunoglobulin, a plasma protein, and an enzyme.

- 85. The method of claim 74, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of an  $\alpha$ -1 proteinase inhibitor, an alkaline phosphotase, an angiogenin, an extracellular superoxide dismutase, a fibrogen, a glucocerebrosidase, a glutamate decarboxylase, a human serum albumin, a myelin basic protein, a proinsulin, a soluble CD4, a lactoferrin, a lactoglobulin, a lysozyme, a lactoalbumin, an erythrpoietin, a tissue plasminogen activator, a human growth factor, an antithrombin III, an insulin, a prolactin, and an  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin.
- 86. The method of claim 61, wherein the somatic cell is a fibroblast.
- 87. The method of claim 86, wherein the fibroblast is a primary fibroblast.
- 88. The method of claim 86, wherein the fibroblast is a primary derived fibroblast.
- 89. The method of claim 61, wherein the cell is obtained from an embryonic or fetal goat derived from a germ cell obtained from a transgenic goat.
- 90. The method of claim 89, wherein the germ cell is sperm from a transgenic goat.
- 91. A method of preparing a genetically engineered cell line, comprising:
  - a) inseminating a female recipient with the semen from a transgenic non-human animal;
  - b) obtaining a transgenic non-human embryo from the recipient;
  - c) obtaining a somatic cell from a the embryo; and,
  - d) culturing the cell in a suitable medium, such that a somatic cell line is obtained.